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East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILol dated 12/11/2023

To the most noble members of the East Kingdom College of Heraldry, greetings! You will find below the decisions rendered on the submissions for the Internal Letter of Intent issued on 12/11/2023.

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Alys Ogress, Gunnvor Orle, Jeanne Marie Palimpsest, Lilie Dubh Ragged Staff, Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin, and Sláine Diademe.

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Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Ailídh Fuireastal

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Ailídh Fuireastal	Forwarded with changes

Submitter desires a feminine name.

Ailídh is a feminine Irish name found in Woulfe as an undated pet form of *Ailís*. *Ailís* is additionally found dated to 1285 in Mari Elspeth nic Bryan's "Index of Names in Irish Annals" s.n. Alis (<https://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Feminine/Alis.shtml>).

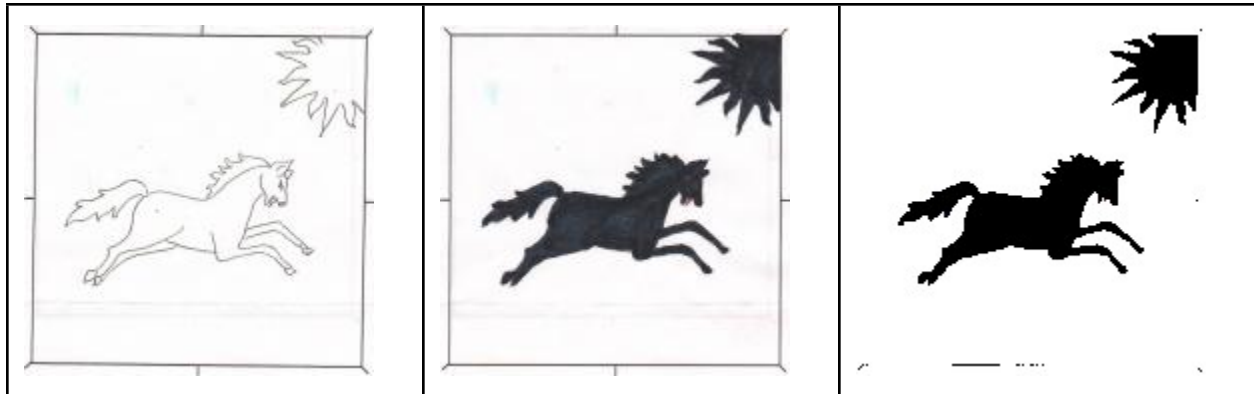
Fuireastal appears to be the Gaelic form of the bynames *Forstal* or *Forrestal* as found in Edward MacLysaght's *More Irish Families*, p.102, which cites Patrick Forstal living in County Kildare in 1297 (see image).

Notes:

Kingdom commenters were unable to find the form *Ailidh* dated to period; Woulfe is not an acceptable source for given names (see Admin Handbook Appendix F). However, as noted in the submitter's original documentation, *Ailís* is found in Mari's "Annals" dated to 1285; as the submitter allows all changes, we will forward this name as *Ailís Fuireastal*.

2. Cedric Campbell

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Badge	Argent, a horse courant contourny and a demi-sun issuant from sinister chief sable	Forwarded



This submission is to be associated with *Company of the Black Horse*

The submitter's previous badge submission, *Argent, a horse courant to sinister and a demi-sun sable issuant from sinister chief* was returned on the April 2023 LoAR:

This badge is returned for the unblazonable position of the demi-sun; a *demi-sun issuant from sinister chief* would issue from the corner of the shield, whereas a *demi-sun issuant from chief* would be centered. The one in this submission lies somewhere between the two, blurring the distinction.

We believe this addresses the reason for return.

Notes:

3. Odd Torfhímir

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Odd Torfhímir	Withdrawn

Submitter desires a masculine name.

The following changes are allowed: byname grammar/syntax, change to Oddi for Old Norse Meaning (of byname:) most important.

Odd is an Old Danish masculine given name found as a variant of *Oddr* in Lena Peterson's *Nordiskt Runnamnlexikon*.

Torfhimir is intended as a constructed Old Norse byname meaning "peat loiterer."

Torf is Old Norse for 'peat' from Cleasby-Vigfusson's *Old Norse Dictionary*. It is found as a prepended byname element in the name Torf-Einarr, a Norse earl of Orkney.

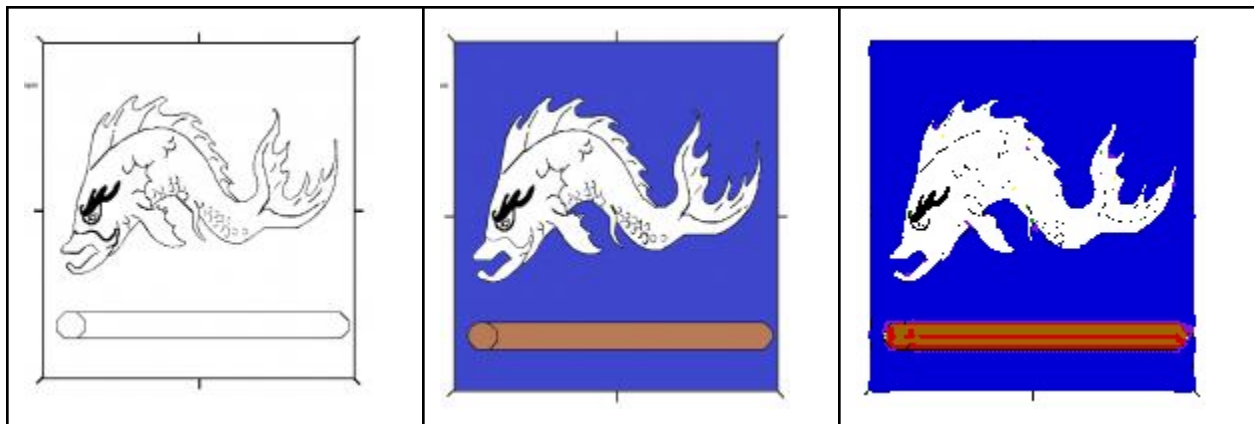
Himir is from *híma*, also found in Cleasby-Vigfusson: 'to loiter.' The suffix -ir was used in Old Norse to convert a verb to an agent noun ('loiterer') E.g. *stilla* → *stillir*, *stríða* → *stríðir*.

Notes:

During kingdom commentary, heralds with expertise in Old Norse determined that the name *Torfhimir* is not correctly formed. Alternative options were provided to the submitter, who has opted instead to withdraw this submission and resubmit with a different byname entirely.

4. Rónán fitz Robert

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Badge	Azure, a dolphin argent and in base a wooden rod proper	Returned



The submitter's previous submission, *Argent, a dolphin azure and in base a wooden rod proper*, was returned on the May 2023 LoAR:

This badge is returned for conflict with the device of André of Stormhold, *Argent, a whale naiant azure*. There is a DC for adding the secondary rod, but per SENA Appendix M1b there is no difference between a heraldic whale and a heraldic dolphin.

We believe this addresses the reason for return.

Notes:

This badge is returned for violation of SENA A3B4a, as the *wooden rod proper* does not have good contrast with the *azure* field on which it is placed. SENA A3B1 states that “tools that can reasonably be wooden can be described as a *wooden X proper*, and are brown. Brown is considered to be a color, not a metal, and it is not identical to black or *sable*.”

We remind commenters that even if they are able to work with the submitter on a redesign to address questions raised in commentary, each item must be given its full allotment of time for review, and commentary does not necessarily reflect what the ultimate decision will be. We therefore recommend waiting until decisions are issued to begin working with the submitter on a redesign if, indeed, one is necessary.

5. Skúli Birtingr

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Skúli Birtingr	Forwarded

Skúli is a masculine Old Norse given name found in Geirr Bassi p.14.

Birtingr is an Old Norse byname meaning 'Trout' found in "Viking Bynames found in the Landnámabók" by Aryanhwy merch Catmael (<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/vikbynames.html>).

The submitter wishes to represent that he is a fisherman.

Notes:

Several additional "fisherman" bynames were suggested in kingdom commentary; the Blue Tyger office will provide those options to the submitter to see if he has a preference.

6. Spraki Jóarsson

Action	Description	Decision
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New Name	Spraki Jóarsson	Forwarded
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Spraki is a masculine Old Norse given name formed from OW.Norse *spraki* 'talk, rumor' or related to the OW.Norse verb *spraka* 'to crackle, to sparkle, to crunch'. Runic examples include the nominative case from *sbraki* and the accusative case forms *sbaraka*, *sbraka* (Cleasby, Richard "[Icelandic Dictionary](#)", Clarendon Press 1957 p 584 s.v. spraka, spraki; NR s.n. Spraki) (<https://www.vikinganswerlady.com/ONMensNames.shtml>).

Jóarsson is the patronymic form of the Old Norse masculine given name *Jóarr* as found in Old Danish and Old Swedish as 'loar', and in OW.Norse as 'Jóar'. The first element *Jó-* is from the OW.Norse noun *jór* (derived from Germanic *ehwaz*) (*horse*) seen in Fellows-Jensen, Gillian "[Scandinavian Personal Names in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire](#)" Akademisk Forlag, 1968 p348 s.n.-arr; NR s.nn. Ióarr, Ió-, -ar (<https://www.vikinganswerlady.com/ONMensNames.shtml>).

Notes:

7. Wir verch Colbrand

Action	Description	Decision
New Name Change	Wir verch Colbrand	Forwarded

Old Item: *Wir Coleshulle*, to be retained as an alternate name.

Submitter desires a feminine name.

No changes.

Sound (not specified) most important.

Language/Culture (11th Century Anglican Welsh) most important.

Wir is already registered to the submitter, and is found as a 13th century feminine Welsh given name in "A Simple Guide to Constructing 13th Century Welsh Names" by Tangwystyl verch Morgant Glasvryn (<https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/tangwystyl/welsh13.html>).

verch is the Welsh matronymic marker (ibid.).

Colbrand is a masculine English given name found in the Domesday Book dated to 1066 (<https://domesday.pase.ac.uk/Domesday?op=6&filterString=colbrand>).

English and Welsh may be combined per SENA Appendix C.

Notes:

This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

In service to College and Kingdom,
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